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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 23 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1998/1064)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1998/1100 and S/1998/1104)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16/Rev.1)

   (b) Amendments (A/53/L.42).

(continued overleaf)

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554 and Corr.1 (English ony);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38).

3. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

   (b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

3 p.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.58

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/53/L.64

3. Closure of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822 and A/53/645 and Corr.1 (Arabic and English only))

   Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

   Conclusion of general discussion

   United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.20 (A/C.5/53/25 and Corr.1, A/53/32 and Corr.1 and A/53/674)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22/Rev.1 (A/C.5/53/33)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 165 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180))

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and A/53/659)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the assessment of the work of the Fifth Committee

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27)) and item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511))

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* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

First performance report

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 23 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: organization of work)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Bali Declaration and Plan of Action on regional and sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing on the informal consultations held on guidelines for sustainable consumption by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 68th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38).

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(il) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
11.30 a.m.-12 noon	briefing	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its next formal meeting on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on the following draft resolutions: *A/C.2/53/L.39* (Public administration and development) (item 12); *A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1* (Action against corruption and bribery) (item 92 a)); *A/C.2/53/L.6 and L.41* (Industrial development cooperation) (item 92 (b)); *A/C.2/53/L.12 and L.40* (Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation) (item 93 (a)); *A/C.2/53/L.13* (Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy) (item 93 (b)); *A/C.2/53/L.19 and L.42* (Habitat II) (93 (c)); *A/C.2/53/L.33 and L.43* (Population and Development) (item 93 (f)); *A/C.2/53/L.35* (Cultural development) (item 93 (g)); and *A/C.2/53/L.32 and L.44* (UNITAR) (item 96 (b)).

Briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, on the outcome of the Fourth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, recently held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 176th meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will be held on 24 and 25 November 1998. The Annual Meeting will open on Tuesday, 24 November, at 10.30 in the Deputy Secretary-General's Conference Room (room S-3858), and will continue at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. On Wednesday, 25 November, the meetings will be held at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal briefing

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold its briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on *Tuesday, 24 November 1998*, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (organized by the delegation of Austria), and on the draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (organized by the delegation of Sweden) on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Friday, 27 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 24th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

A/C.4/53/L.9 to L.15

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.9.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.10.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.11 to L.15.

A/C.4/53/L.9

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.9 by a recorded vote of 122 to 1, with 1 abstention.

The representative of the Congo made a statement.

A/C.4/53/L.10

Australia became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.10 without a vote.

A/C.4/53/L.11

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.11 by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstentions.

The representative of the Congo made a statement.

A/C.4/53/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.12 by a recorded vote of 126 to none, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.13

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.13 by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.14 by a recorded vote of 123 to 2, with no abstentions.

Subsequently, the representative of Italy informed the Committee that his delegation had voted in favour of A/C.4/53/L.14 but was not reflected in the recorded vote.

A/C.4/53/L.15

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.15 by a recorded vote of 125 to 2, with 1 abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of the Republic of Moldova informed the Committee that, had his delegation been present, it would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/ C.4/53/L.9 to L.15.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 83.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.16, L.17, L.18, L.19 and L.20. He introduced oral revisions to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.16 and L.18 and made an editorial comment on the Spanish text of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.20.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Côte d'Ivoire made editorial comments on the Arab and French texts of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.20.

The representative of Cuba replied to a question posed to the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.18 and, in the course of his statement, introduced a further revision to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Oman and Egypt.

The representative Chile requested for a separate vote on the oral revision to draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.16, operative paragraph 4.

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to take action on draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.16 at a later stage of the meeting in order to allow the parties concerned to consult among themselves.

A/C.4/53/L.17

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.17, by a recorded vote of 127 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.18

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.18, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 127 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.19

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.19 by a recorded vote of 126 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/53/L.20

Bahrain and Pakistan became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.20 by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

A/C.4/53/L.16

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba introduced a further revision to A/C.4/53/L.16, operative paragraph 4.

Subsequently, the representative of Chile withdrew his request for a separate vote.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.16, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 72 to 2, with 55 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Conclusion of the Committee's work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Australia (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Romania (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Sudan (on behalf of the African States) and Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), as well as by the representative of Israel.

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.57

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.58

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.28

The representative of Rwanda, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.29

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Monaco, New Zealand, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Italy and Liechtenstein joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Canada and Rwanda.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania orally revised the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Brazil orally revised the draft resolution.

Central African Republic, the Congo, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.39

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

France and Greece joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution.

Cape Verde, Malta and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

A/C.3/53/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, Germany and Canada.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Poland and the Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Gambia withdrew from the list of co-sponsors.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the United States, Canada and Japan.

A/C.3/53/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States.

After a suspension of the meeting, the representative of the United States further revised the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of India.

It was announced that a separate recorded vote was requested on Chapter III of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted Chapter III by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 17 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 20 abstentions.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and Croatia made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Report of the Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization [154]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1

The Coordinator of the draft resolution (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote. The representatives of Ukraine and the Russian Federation made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16

The Vice-Chairman (Lesotho) of the Committee made an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.6/53/ L.16.

The representatives of Mexico, Côte d'Ivoire and France made statements in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16, as orally amended, was adopted without a vote. The representatives of New Zealand, Portugal, the United States, Ireland, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, Argentina, Venezuela, Greece, Costa Rica and the Netherlands made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17

The representative of Sweden introduced an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17.

It was announced that Cameroon, Slovenia, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17, as orally amended, was adopted without a vote. The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

64th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of the ninth African Industrialization Day

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/680) [163]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/680) (resolution 53/29).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 163.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16);

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China, Malta, Botswana, Indonesia, Fiji, Spain, New Zealand, Canada, Kuwait, Germany, Malaysia, India, Colombia, Viet Nam and Ireland.

The representative of Belgium made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16 contained in document A/53/L.42.

The representative of Egypt orally revised draft resolution A/53/L.16.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Belgium and the United Kingdom.

65th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16);

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Ghana, Finland, Namibia, Venezuela, Lithuania, Swaziland, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Nigeria, Lebanon, Zimbabwe, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, the Philippines, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, San Marino, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, France, Tunisia and Kazakhstan.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 51st and 52nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 51st and 52nd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/226).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 31st meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revolving Credit Fund

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report ot the Secretary-General on the Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/645).

Statements were made by the represenatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, China, Uganda and Cuba.

Following a proposal by the representative of Uganda, statements were also made by the representatives of Australia, Egypt, Pakistan and Zambia.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to questions posed.

Results-based budgeting

The Controller introduced the report ot the Secretary-General on results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/655).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Cyprus and Norway), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, the United States, Uganda, Pakistan and Algeria.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system"

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Mr. J. Fox, Inspector from the Joint Inspection Unit, introduced the report of the Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (A/53/171).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/670).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway), Pakistan, Cuba and the United States.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew the attention of the Committee to an error in the translation of a word in the Arabic version of the report (A/53/171).

The Inspector from the Joint Inspector Unit responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit at this stage.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, Ghana, the Russian Federation, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

32nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/226).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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